

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
INV. A47L15/42 A47L15/50 D06F37/26 D06F39/08

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2003, no. 12, 5 December 2003 (2003-12-05) -& JP 2004 254929 A (TOSHIBA CORP), 16 September 2004 (2004-09-16) abstract paragraphs [0033], [0038], [0039]; figure 1 -----	18-20, 22-24
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 017, no. 462 (C-1101), 24 August 1993 (1993-08-24) -& JP 05 111451 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), 7 May 1993 (1993-05-07) the whole document -----	18
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1. claims: 18-24

A liquid bearing domestic appliance

2. claims: 1-17

A replaceable component

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